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PLUTARCH, desirous to implant in Man an Abhorrence of that evil Genius *ENVY*, gives it the odious and detestable Name of *Sorcery*; because the Poison it puts forth not only fills the Envious with a cankerous and destructive Disposition, but the Infection of it is dispersed thro' the Eyes, so that even they who behold it, suffer by its Influence. He also compares it to *Spanish Flies*, or *Cantherides*; for as they delight in destroying the best Wheat, the sweetest or full-blown Roses, so *Envy* has mostly the honest or virtuous Man for the Object of its Fury and Rage. Therefore *Thucidides* said, that a wise Man inclines to be envied; intimating, that *Envy* ought only to be regarded as a Spur or Incentive to stir up an heroic and noble Spirit to vertuous Actions.

History tells us, that no Nation produc'd so many barbarous Tyrants as *Sicily*; yet th'Ancients declared, that *Envy* was worse than all those Tyrants join'd together. It is one of the worst Plagues that can befall Mankind; a Worm that preys upon the very Intrails, hurrying us on to repine and murmur at the Prosperity of our Neighbour, and even to consult and forge malicious and false Stories to defame his Reputation. And here I must observe, that they who lend Ear to *Backbiters* and *Slanderers*, are equally culpable, seeing it demonstrates them to be sensibly touch'd with a Delight in the ill Report of another; for as the *Slanderer* does Mischief by accusing the Absent, so does he who encourages this wicked Practice, or allows himself to believe, before he discovers the Truth of the Charge; and at the same time shows, that he is more delighted with reading Fables, or noticing the Vices and Imperfections of People and Nations, than in profitable Studies, or in perusing the heroical and vertuous Actions of Great Men, (handed down for our Instruction and Example) and the Praise given to them; which grieve them no less, than they do the *envious Backbiter*. He therefore who well considers the pernicious Consequences, will find it the great and necessary Point of Modesty, never to allow any Person to be slandered in his Presence, were he even his capital Enemy.

Backbiters, when they cannot procure themselves to be accounted as honest Men as they are whom they intend to slander, craftily go about to prove, that they are not so honest as some others whom they commend and prefer to them; thus subtilely covering their Hatred and ill Will, they claim a Credit to their Slander, by that Praise which they *indirectly* give others. These wild and poisonous Plants, Inheritors of the Sin of our first Parents, carry in their Hearts the very Seed of Envy, Jealousy and Emulation; nor is it enough that they disturb the Living, but they must also tear the very Dead out of their Graves. Let us never nourish those Passions, but rather endeavour to weaken their Force, so as at last to pluck them up by the Roots. Let us disdain to envy the Prosperity of any Man, or to backite him on any Account; on the contrar, we should not be sparing in giving that Praise and Honour due to Merit: And if we at any time reprove, let it be seen that our Reproof proceeds from a Dislike of the *Action*, not of the *Person*. When we can chearfully praise our *Enemies* for their good Actions, and are not grieved at their Prosperity, then we may hope we have banished *Envy*; that hideous Vice, which is often conceived at the Prosperity of our very *Friends*. *Cicero* says, *He that is an honest Man and a good Citizen, will never be moved with Hatred or Envy, no, not towards his Enemy; wishing rather to die, than to be guilty of that Vice.*

What will greatly help us to overcome *Backbiting*, is to avoid all kind of *Scoffing*, which is but a coloured Reproof, and by degrees enures the *Scoffer* to *backbite*. We ought to think, that Passion is as much moved by a *gibing Word*, as by a *real Injury*; for the latter may proceed from sudden Choler, against the Will; while the other proceeds from a settled Purpose of the Heart, and a voluntary Maliciousness, without any Necessity or Satisfaction.

No other Revenge should be desir'd for *Envy* and *Backbiting*, than the Punishment that grows up with

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and follows the same; nor should we be uneasy at what the *Envious* can say, since they are not able to wound the Deserts of good Men: For as while the Sun is directly over the Top of any Thing, it has no Shadow, the Light being dispersed around it; so the Excellence of Vertue and Honour, in the Event forces the venemous Tongue to lick up her own Poison, and renders it uncapable of doing further Mischief.

Philip K. of *Macedon* being desir'd to chastise the *Grecians* for reviling him, tho' he had been kind to them, said, *If this be their Course, what would they do if I should punish them? They only make me become a better Man; for I will daily strive to make them Liars.* Another time, when he was counselled to banish or put to Death a Gentleman who had slandered him, he replied, *There is no Cause to take away his Life; and as for Banishment, it is better to compell him to tarry in Macedonia, where all Men know he is a Liar, than if he went among Strangers to speak ill, who might perhaps believe his Slanders to be true.* Thus, this vertuous Prince manifested a *Clemency*, in that he did not put him to Death; *Magnanimity*, in contemning the Injury; and a wonderful *Prudence*, in not banishing him. When Word was brought to *Demetrius Phalerius*, a Prince of immortal Renown, that the *Athenians* had pulled down the 300 Statues erected in the Street of *Areopagus* to his Honour, and was urged by his Council to be avenged of them, he said, *Tho' the Athenians have pulled down the Statues, yet it is out of their Power to abase my Vertues, for whose sakes these Statues were heretofore erected.*

And truly all the memorable Actions of good and merciful Princes, who reign in the Hearts of their Subjects, even when dead, shall serve for a perpetual Monument, when Images, Statues and Tombs are, by Time or other Accidents, reduc'd to Powder.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Aug. 4.

Since our last arrived the Mails due from France, two from Holland, and one from Flanders.

IT was Justice Meriot who shot himself dead with a Pistol last Thursday Morning at his House at Parson's Green near Fulham; he was observed to be disorder'd in his Senses for some Days before, and the Jury who sate upon his Body last Saturday brought it in *Lunacy*. 'Tis insinuated amongst other Things, that he was lately cast in a great Law Suit, commenced by the Relations of a young Gentleman to whom he had been Guardian, and of whose Estate, which was very considerable, he had the Trust and Management. The other who was Guardian along with the Justice, sicken'd and died not very long before.

Last Saturday died in Scotland Yard Whitehall, Mr. Wood, Patentee for coining the Irish Halfpence, and Yesterday his Corpse was carried to Woolverhampton to be interr'd there.

Since our last arrived another Ship from Greenland, with one Whale and a half, also two from David's Streights, with three of the largest Whales that have yet been caught. The Company's annual Ship continues still at Long Reach, waiting the proper Powers from the King of Spain for her sailing to America, and when they will arrive, we are not certain: Nor on the other Hand do we know when the Expedition to Italy will be undertaken.

Some Accounts from Paris by the French Mail say, That his Catholick Majesty perceiving the Emperor will not consent to the Introduction of Spanish Troops into Tuscany, was resolved to undertake the Expedition to Italy without any more Loss of Time. But those from Barcelona assure, that Orders were arrived there from Court, that Part of the Troops of Embarkation should return into their old Quarters, and the rest continue in that Province to spend the Provisions and Forage that have been amassed there: From whence 'tis believed the King of Spain may have been prevailed upon to defer the Expedition till next Spring; by which Time 'tis hoped the Peace will be established, or if not, the Allies will be in a Condition to give the Spaniards such Assistance as cannot fail of Success.

We have such Accounts of running of Tea as is very surprising, especially to the fair Traders who pay the King's Duty, Information being given of several Gangs of Horse Loads, one of no less than 17 at a Time, which was discovered by means of one of them falling ill on the Road, which was seized with a Man that attended him and his Loading, near Eltham in Kent. Three other Horses and their Loading of Tea, were also seized a few Days ago at the Turnpike near New-cross by Deptford, and several other Seizures have been made of the said Commodity in some private Houses at and near Greenwich, where a Shopkeeper has been fined 20 L. on this Account, and Informations have been given against divers others.

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We have just now an Account, that the Compton from East India is arrived in the Downs, and that two more of the Greenland Ships are come to Deptford, having each brought a Whale, and that the Transports with the Soldiers on board, which sailed some Time ago from Spitehead, are put into Torbay, and detained there by contrary Winds.

The Treaty of Peace with the present Emperor of Morocco, is renewed, with further Security and Advantages to our Merchants trading to those Parts, by Mr. Russel, who has also brought with him from thence 15 English, and eight of his Majesty's German Subjects redeemed out of Captivity by his Majesty's Royal Bounty.

From the Daily Post-Boy, Aug. 4.

Hague, Aug. 1. They write from Vienna, That their Courtiers are under no Apprehensions about the Consequences of the *unjust War* (as they call it) they're threatned with by the Allies, who *(say they)* cannot declare against 'em without violating their Oaths and most solemn Treaties: And then (according to them, the Emperor may dispose of the Dutchies of Tuscany and Parma as he thinks fit; when the Powers, by whose Influence he was prevail'd on to yield those Estates to D. Carlos, have proclaimed themselves his Enemies.

We are told Count Philip Kinski, the Imperial Ambassador in England, is ordered home.

'Tis reported, that the Most Christian King has undertaken to furnish this State's Contingent of Troops for the Expedition.

Vienna, July 26. We soon expect the Resolution of the Seville Allies on the Proposals the Emperor made them in Answer to their *Ultimatum*. The C. d'Arco, Minister of Bavaria, is oft in Conference with our Ministers, on an important Affair negociating between the two Courts. Advices from Italy say, that they were settling in Tuscany Quarters for th' Imperial Troops. Count Merci has encamped 40,000 Men along the Po; and that General will shortly detach a considerable Body on a secret Expedition. They say the Spaniards design to make the Isle of Corsica their Place of Arms, that they may be within Reach, the more easily to make a Descent on Italy.

Milan, July 22. A Report runs, that the Imperialists are to detach 4000 Men to join the Genoese, in order to be sent to Corsica, to reduce the Rebels. C. Merci is going to Turin, to execute a Commission with the King of Sardinia.

Leghorn, July 22. This Day arrived a Bark in 16 Hours from Marseilles, the Master whereof reports, that the French Troops design'd to assist the Spaniards had received Orders to imbark.

Turin, July 28. Great Conferences are held here on the Affairs of the Seville Treaty. His Sardinian Majesty has thought fit to augment his Troops, and some say he designs to command 'em in Person.

Hamburg, Aug. 6. They write from Cassel, that the 12000 Hessians in British Pay, lay ready in their advantageous Posts to march at first Command.

Amsterdam, Aug. 7. At Stockholm is arrived the Ship of James Abercromby from Dundee.

Dartmouth, July 31. Yesterday came in the *Janet* of and from Dunbar, for Lisbon.

London, Aug. 4. The Current of Advices by the 2 last Holland Mails, is strong for War, confirming from all Hands the Inflexibility of the Courts of Vienna and Madrid, and insinuating a Convention between the Emperor and the Great Duke for the Introduction of German Troops into Tuscany; but the Mails from France are more pacifick, and perswade us the Expedition will not go forward this Year. The Queen of France was entred into the 9th Month of her Pregnancy. The K. of Denmark is very ill. The K. of Poland is not well; and the Electoral Prince of Saxony has a Fever.

Private Letters from Paris say, that the Princes of the Blood, Counsellors and Ministers of State, have set up the Standard against the pacifick Cardinal, and openly declare for War; and that the People join'd so far in the Cry, that his Eminency will have enough to do to stem the Torrent.

Col. Chartris and his Lady being perfectly reconciled, and having made proper Dispositions for cohabiting together, he having cashiered his Man *Trusty Jack*, and other evil Agents, they are to be presented to their Majesty's this Week on that Occasion.

A Coffee house is fitting up in Lombard-street for Anne Bond, who prosecuted the Colonel for a Rape.

Aberdeen, Aug. 3. Thursday last came on here (before WILLIAM FORBES, Esq; Sheriff depute of this Shire) the Trial of Robert Mair, William Adiel, and George Chesser, all of the Parish of Elion and Sheriffdom of Aberdeen, for the Crimes of *House-breaking* and *Theft*, being *habite* and *repute* Felons for several Years past. The Reading the Indictment, and Debates on the Relevancy, employed the Court from 11 before Noon till 3 after Noon, that

that they adjourned to 9 next Morning: When the Judge proceeded to the Examination of the Witneſſes, which laſted till Half-an hour after 8 at Night, that the Jury incloſed; who next Morning returned their Verdict: Whereupon the Sheriff ſentenced the ſaids Mair and Adiel to be Hanged at the Market-place of Aberdeen the 2d of October next, and the ſaid Cheſſer to ſtand in the Jogs 2 Hours the 14th Inſt. at Fiſh-croſs, to be whipp'd thro' the City, and to be carried back to Priſon till Tranſported furth out of the Kingdom.

Stirling, Aug. 4. This Day the Juſtices of the Peace for this County met at their Quarter-Seſſions, and made ſeveral laudable Acts for ſuppreſſing of Villainy; among the reſt, That all Perſons who ſhall travel the Shire after the 1ſt of October next with Wallets on their Backs, under Pretence of being Packmen, be inſtantly ſeized and carried before a Juſtice of Peace, unleſs they produce a Certificate, ſigned by one or more Juſtices of the Peace, bearing the Place of their Reſidence, their Employment, &c. And the ſaid Juſtices having inquired how the Stamp maſter of Serges for the County had behaved in his Office, they found, That he had ſeized a bad Web when brought to the Office to be ſealed; which being preſented to 'em, they fand very inſufficient, and not wrought conform to Act of Parliament: Wherefore, and for promoting the Serge-Trade, and to terrify others from being guilty of ſuch vilainous Practices, the ſaids Juſtices confiſcate the Web, and ordered the ſame to be immediately burnt; and at the ſame time Fined and Unlawed the Weaver in 20 ſh. ſterl. in Terms of the Act of Parliament made in that Behalf.

At Haddington, the 4th Day of Auguſt 1730.

The ſaid Day, the Noblemen and Gentlemen, Juſtices of the Peace of this County, (met in their Quarter ſeſſions) taking to their Conſideration the great Damage done to the Nation by the clandeſtine importing and Running of *Brandy* and *other Foreign Spirits*; did *Unanimouſly* Reſolve to put the many good Laws againſt this deſtructive Trade to vigorous Execution; and that they will, to their utmoſt Power, diſcourage all Perſons whatever living within their reſpective Lands and Eſtates, from aiding or abetting the ſaid clandeſtine Trade, or from Retailing ſuch *Brandy* or *other Foreign Spirits*.

Tomorrow (the 9th Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at *Leith* at 9 o' Clock, 27 Min. Wedneſday, at 10, 15 Min. Thurſday, at 11, 3 Min.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Juſt Publiſhed, in Folio,

The *Hiſtory of the* CHURCH *under the Old Teſtament*, from the Creation of the World; wherein alſo the *Affairs* and *Learning* of Heathen Nations before the Birth of *CHRIST*, and the State of the *Jews* from the Babyloniſh Captivity to the preſent Time, are particularly conſidered: To which is ſubjoined, a *Diſcourſe* to promote the *Converſion* of the *Jews* to *Chriſtianity* by M. ROBERT MILLAR Miniſter of the Goſpel in *Paiſley*.) To be delivered to Subſcribers, or Sold to thoſe who call for it, at the Shops of Meſſ. James Davidſon, James Macewen, John Paton, Alex. Symmers, and Gawin Hamilton, *Edinburgh*: And at the Shops of William Duncan and Alexander Millar, Stationers in Salt-market, *Glaſgow*; alſo at the Shop of Andrew Millar, at *Buchanan's Head* in the Strand, *London*.

By Order of the Honourable COMMISSIONERS *of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms:*

Theſe give Notice, That a Parcel of *Brandy*, *Bohea* and *Green Tea*, lately ſeized, and condemned in the Court of Exchequer in Lammas Term laſt, is to be expoſed to publick Sale at the Cuſtom-houſe of Leith on Tueſday the 11th Day of Auguſt Inſtant, betwixt the Hours of 12 & 1. The Particulars of the Goods and Conditions of Sale to be ſeen at the Cuſtomhouſe, and the Goods themſelves to be ſeen there, at Cuſtomhouſe-Hours, on the Day of Sale.

¶§¶ On Tueſday the 4th Inſtant, there was loſt betwixt Dunbar and Linton a POCKET-BOOK, with ſeveral Papers in it of Value, but of Uſe to no Body but the Owner. Whoever will bring them to Charles Loſtmer Merchant in Dunbar, or to William Waterſon Merchant in Edinburgh, at his Houſe in Mill's ſquare oppoſite to the Tron church, ſhall have a Guinea Reward, and no Queſtions ask'd.

¶¶¶ That at the Town of KILRANIE in the County of Fife, upon the 14th Day of Auguſt current, betwixt the Hours of 9 and 12 in the Forenoon, there is to be expoſed to publick Sale within the Tolbooth of Kilranie, by Mr. Thomas Ferdyce Deputy Admiral on the Coaſt of Fife, a larg Parcel of Blubber, or the Speck and Sperm of three Sperma Cete Whales lately come in on that Coaſt, conſiſting of about 140 Barrels of Speck or Blubber, and 23 Barrels of Sperma Cete Speck. The ſaid Speck and Sperm is to be ſeen at the ſaid Town of Kilranie, and the Conditions of Sale in the Hands of Thomas Nairn one of the Baillies of Anſtruther, or in the Hands of the ſaid Thomas Ferdice at Edinburgh.

†¶† There is to be Sold, in the Dubraw, South Leith, near the Geeen Tree, beſt BARLEY MALT, made and dried with Cinders, after the Engliſh Manner, at 13 ſh. 9 Pence ſterl. per Boll. Enquire at David Yates there.

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